Aggregate Changes in the Net International Investment Position

Each June, BEA releases estimates of the International Investment Position of the United States. The estimates contain a beginning position for the current year, changes to the position from financial flows, and changes to the position from valuation adjustments for price changes, exchange rate changes, and other (largely statistical) changes, which are summed in order to arrive at an ending position for the current year.

Most of the data released each June focuses on aggregate estimates of the valuation adjustments for the current year. The table below presents aggregate estimates of the valuation adjustments as a time series. These estimates are consistent with the most recently published historical totals. Estimates prior to 1989 are not available.

These estimates are presented as time series in the hope that they will aid researchers in their examination of the investment position.

Components of Change in the Net International Investment Position, With Direct Investment at Market Value, 1989-2004

	Position Beginning	Changes in position					
Year		Attributable to					
		Financial flows	Valuation adjustments			ı	5
			Price changes	Exchange- rate changes ¹	Other changes ²	Total	Position Ending
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)		
1988							10,466
1989	10,466	-49,545	7,129	-15,392	355	-57,453	-46,987
1990	-46,987	-60,337	-148,620	57,042	34,407	-117,508	-164,495
1991	-164,495	-46,421	-95,789	4,643	41,243	-96,324	-260,819
1992	-260,819	-96,253	-75,554	-74,991	55,312	-191,486	-452,305
1993	-452,305	-81,489	292,716	-21,969	118,779	308,037	-144,268
1994	-144,268	-127,052	23,172	73,069	39,828	9,017	-135,251
1995	-135,251	-86,298	-152,461	39,018	29,156	-170,585	-305,836
1996	-305,836	-137,687	84,188	-66,076	65,387	-54,188	-360,024
1997	-360,024	-221,334	-92,069	-207,625	58,320	-462,708	-822,732
1998 ^r	-822,732	-69,740	-287,874	68,120	41,457	-248,037	-1,070,769
1999 ^r	-1,070,769	-236,148	329,672	-125,970	65,778	33,332	-1,037,437
2000 ^r	-1,037,437	-486,373	133,716	-270,594	79,681	-543,570	-1,581,007
2001 ^r	-1,581,007	-400,243	-224,184	-151,685	17,671	-758,441	-2,339,448
2002 ^r	-2,339,448	-500,316	-59,582	231,247	212,985	-115,666	-2,455,114
2003 ^r	-2,455,114	-560,646	-1,716	415,507	229,599	82,744	-2,372,370
2004 ^p	-2,372,370	-584,597	146,514	272,278	-4,070	-169,875	-2,542,245

^p Preliminary.

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^{1.} Represents gains or losses on foreign-currency-denominated assets and liabilities due to their revaluation at current exchange rates.

^{2.} Includes changes in coverage, capital gains and losses of direct investment affiliates, and other adjustments to the value of assets and liabilities.